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FOREWORD

The July 1991 Surgeon General's Workshop on Increasing Organ Donation was a response to the critical need for a comprehensive effort to save the lives of thousands of Americans waiting for donor organs to become available. While many concerned individuals and organizations have implemented numerous efforts to increase donation, the need for donor organs continues to exceed their availability. Seven expert panels of workshop participants focused their collective energies and knowledge to propose recommendations and strategies for resolving this perplexing dilemma.

The background papers in this volume, written by some of the leading experts in the field of transplantation, were prepared specifically for the workshop. Collectively the authors have presented state-of-the-art information on numerous topics that affect donation. Recommendations and proceedings of the workshop are presented in a companion document.

It is my sincere hope that the efforts of these authors, the workshop participants, and the activities of all those in the transplantation field who are fighting for this important cause will soon begin to show the positive results that are so vitally needed.

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ABTC	American Board of Transplant Coordinators
ACT	American Council on Transplantation
AHA	American Hospital Association
AOPO	Association for Organ Procurement Organizations
ASHI	American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics
ASTP	American Society for Transplant Physicians
ASTS	American Society for Transplant Surgeons
CDC	Center for Disease Control
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DOT	Division of Organ Transplantation
EBAA	Eye Bank Association of America
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HHS	Health and Human Services (Department of)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus

HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
IHS	Indian Health Service
MOTTEP	Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Center
MHC	Major Histocompatibility Complex
NATCO	North American Transplant Coordinators Organization
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NKF	National Kidney Foundation
OPO	Organ Procurement Organization
OPTN	Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network
PHS	Public Health Service
RFC	Request for Contract
RFP	Request for Proposal
SEOPF	South-Eastern Organ Procurement Foundation
TRIO	Transplant Recipients International Organization
UNOS	United Network for Organ Sharing
USRDS	United States Renal Data System